

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2007 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner required a restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to method.
- II. Claims 30-38, drawn to apparatus.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, that is, claims 1-29, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully submit that this reply is fully responsive to the election requirement mailed on February 22, 2007. However, should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss the above-identified application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason an extension is required to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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